



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1836 (Maienschein) - As Amended on March 31, 2016 - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Gonzalez:

The County of San Bernardino must respectfully oppose AB 1836, legislation which would authorize the Probate Court – if a conservatorship has already been established under the Probate Code – to recommend a Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorship to a county conservatorship officer and compel that officer to conduct an investigation and submit a report to the Probate Court.

As you are aware, this bill is identical to last year's AB 193, which was vetoed by Governor Brown. In his veto message the Governor stated in part that "This bill bypasses the clinical expertise of these professionals and for that reason I can't support it."

AB 1836 would increase the number of LPS conservatorship referrals, thereby increasing county cost and bypass the established mental health system and give probate judges the same authority over mental health evaluations as mental health practitioners.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino must respectfully requests a "NO" Vote on AB 1836. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Brian Maienschein
Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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